

6 FUTURE REVISIONS TO THIS PLAN

All planning documents eventually become dated and require revision so they can continue to provide practical direction for operational activities. A common and unfortunate situation is that the revision of planning documents is often neglected because the process for revision is considered too involved and too cumbersome. To address this problem, this section incorporates a hierarchy of revision procedures in which the level of process and required involvement is proportionate to the level of change that is proposed. This LMP reflects the best information available during the planning process, but it is understood that new information will become available over time and there will be the need to make adjustments to keep this LMP current. Such new information may include any of the following:

- ▶ feedback generated by adaptive management of the AVWA and SCWA,
- ▶ other scientific research that directs improved techniques of habitat management,
- ▶ documented threats to plant, fish and wildlife species and their habitats,
- ▶ management of related regional facilities, and
- ▶ new legislative or policy direction.

When the new information dictates a change to this LMP, it is important that there is an appropriate process established. Public outreach and public input will be necessary in proportion to the proposed change to the policy established by this LMP. Unless a reasonable and clear revision process exists, this LMP, like plans in many organizations will become outdated and irrelevant.

6.1 MINOR REVISIONS

A process is required to accommodate minor revisions to this plan that may include the addition of new property to the AVWA and SCWA or the adoption of limited changes to the goals and tasks that are directed through adaptive management, by other scientific information or by legislative direction. This procedure will be applicable to revisions that meet the following criteria:

- ▶ No change is proposed to the overall purposes of this LMP.
- ▶ CEQA documentation (if required) is prepared and approved.
- ▶ Appropriate consultation within the Department occurs.
- ▶ Appropriate consultation with other agencies occurs.
- ▶ Adjoining neighbors are consulted regarding the revision, if the revision is related to a specific location or the acquisition of additional area.

The minor revision may be prepared by the staff assigned to AVWA and SCWA or with other Department resources and requires approval by the Regional Manager.

6.2 MAJOR REVISIONS

Major revisions or a new LMP could occur if new policy direction requires a procedure comparable to the LMP planning process. The procedure for major revisions will meet the following criteria:

- ▶ Substantial revision is proposed to this LMP or the adoption of a complete new plan is proposed.
- ▶ Appropriate CEQA documentation is prepared and approved.
- ▶ Appropriate consultation within the Department occurs.
- ▶ Appropriate coordination and consultation with other agencies occurs.

- ▶ A public outreach program is conducted proportionate to the level of the proposed revision.

The major revision or new plan may be prepared utilizing available Department resources. The major revision or new plan requires recommendation by the Regional Manager and approval by the Director of the Department.

If the appropriate procedure for a particular, proposed revision is not apparent, the determination of which of these procedures to use shall be made by the regional manager in consultation with the Department's Lands and Facilities branch.

6.3 FIVE-YEAR PLAN STATUS REPORTS

Periodic evaluation is important to help ensure that the purposes and goals of the LMP are being met. Chapter 4, "Management Goals," contains many specific tasks that include monitoring of the AVWA and SCWA and evaluation the adequacy of the management of the area. Cumulatively, these efforts will provide feedback regarding the success of the overall management effort.

Periodic and detailed analysis of this feedback data will, however, be necessary to assess the status of this LMP.

A comprehensive review of the achievement of the goals of the LMP should be prepared every five years following the date of adoption of this LMP. A status report documenting this review should consist of the following elements:

- ▶ evaluation of the achievement of the purposes and goals of this LMP;
- ▶ evaluation of the completion or annual completion, as appropriate, of each task contained in this LMP;
- ▶ evaluation of the effectiveness of the Department's coordination efforts with TNF, local governments, and other property management and regulatory agencies involved in the region;
- ▶ notation of important, new scientific information that has bearing on the management of the AVWA and SCWA; and
- ▶ recommendations for revisions to this LMP to incorporate new information and improve its effectiveness.

The status report should be prepared by the Area Manager. It should be submitted to the Department's Lands and Facilities branch for review and comment, approved by the Regional Manager and submitted to the Director of the Department. This report should serve as a basis for revision of this LMP and appropriate adjustments to ongoing management practices.